



POLICE DEPARTMENT
City of Benicia

SANDRA SPAGNOLI
Chief of Police

June 20, 2007

The Honorable David E. Power
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Solano Superior Court
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

Dear Judge Power:

I have reviewed the Solano County Grand Jury's report issued May 22, 2007 entitled "Permission to Carry A Concealed Weapon". I am responding pursuant to, and in the manner described in, California Penal Code Section 933.05.

Finding 1: The process to obtain a concealed weapon permit is very involved and complex.

I agree with the Grand Jury report that the concealed weapon permit process of the Benicia Police Department is very involved and complex. I take the issuance of a permit to carry a concealed weapon in public very seriously, and want to insure that if I issue a permit to a person that the applicant has met all the requirements of the state law under sections 12050 through 12054 of the California Penal Code. I also want to make sure that the applicant is using a safe firearm and fully capable of safely qualifying with the weapon he/she intends to carry.

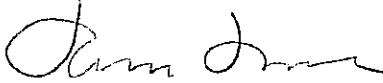
Recommendation 1: Issuing authorities should provide a separate document clarifying and supporting the department's procedure for citizens to obtain a Concealed Weapons Permit.

This recommendation will not be implemented at this time. At this time, our policy is available to citizens along with the CCW application. Although our concealed weapon permit policy is involved and complex, it is clear as to what we require. If an applicant has questions regarding the policy or procedure, we are willing to clarify any issues they may have.

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If there are any further questions regarding this issue, please have your staff contact Captain Steve Mortensen at (707) 746-4262 or via e-mail at smortensen@ci.benicia.ca.us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra Spagnoli".

Sandra Spagnoli
Chief of Police

cc: City Manager
City Attorney